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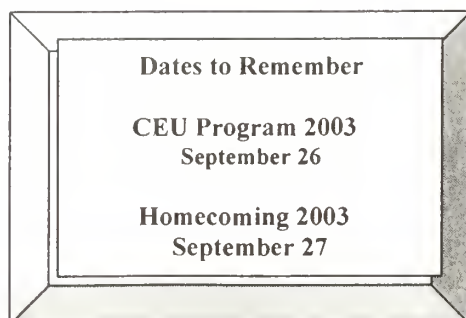
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A Message from the Editor . . .

It is time for another edition and I want to thank all who sent in class news. If you have articles or other information that might be included in the Record please forward material to me. I edit the Record but it is your newsmagazine. I only print what I get from you, the members of the organization. So please remember to send in news. You can either use snail mail or the information superhighway to get it to me. So send it, fax it, or e-mail it! Just remember that there are printing deadlines and your news must reach me by the dates listed in order to guarantee inclusion in that edition of the Record.

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Linda Lass Orrell

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If you have information for a feature article please send it in electronic format to the editor for possible inclusion in a future **Alumnae Record**.

News Notes

March CEU Program a great success: The fourth annual program was a great success with over 60 attending. Many thanks to the IHP for furnishing the morning coffee and the Department of Nursing for the parking coupons and assistance with the Continuing Education Application. The Alumnae gave coupons for lunch in the MGH cafeteria (which has been nationally recognized for its food and service!). Hope to see many of you in September at the next CEU program or at least next year for the spring annual event.

MGH NAA Class Representatives:

We are trying to update our list of Class Representatives. Can you help us? Would you please notify the office if you are or would like to represent your class. Class Reps will help locate missing classmates, gather class news for the **Record**, and work with the Capital Campaign Committee.

A Thought to all of you across the globe:

Why not get an MGH Alumnae Club together in your area? Remember it only takes two or more to make a group and there are pockets of MGH grads in most geographic areas. If you are interested in starting an MGH Club in your area, contact the Alumnae Office. The office can help with contacting folks in your area and getting the word out about your initial meeting. If you have a group going already let the office know.

In Memoriam

- 1924 Esther L. Martinson, January 6, 2003.
- 1924 Gladys Stewart Doane
- 1932 Tyyne A. Lamsa, July 25, 2002.
- 1934 Lois Beech Hackett, November 2002.
- 1934 Doris Dawson Knowlton, April 10, 2003.
- 1934 Elna Harding Nichols.
- 1935 Alma Cady Phillips Robbins, March 5, 2003.
- 1936 Muriel B. Brodsky, August 21, 2002.
- 1938 Mary Fraser Cavanagh, November 23, 2002.
- 1939 Susan Pirhalla Mesaros, December 10, 2001.
- 1941 Rita Genna Brayden, April 30, 2003.
- 1943 Helen Middleditch Estes, June 30, 2002.
- 1943 Mary Alice Barron Brunelle, April 16, 2003.
- 1944 Annette Heinzle Desmarais, April 7, 2003.
- 1945 Eleanor Whalen Walker, April 4, 2003.
- 1946 Mary Fougere Hunter, December 2002.
- 1948 Anna Towhill Smith, January 4, 2003.
- 1948 Ardis Murray Brozyna, November 4, 2002.
- 1948 Thelma (Tim) Roberts Colby, October 31, 2002.
- 1948 Jackie Fishel Leabman, December 23, 2002.
- 1949 Evelyn Adamic Smith.
- 1949 Marguerite Carter Primo.
- 1954 M. Fay Scribner Carbury, November 2002.
- 1955 Mary Jane Marchand Mulligan, August 20, 2002.
- 1955 Pauline Gordon Coleman, November 11, 2002.
- 1957 Elizabeth Taylor Tynan Jackson, July 25, 2001.
- 1958 Joan Hartford Ramsay, September 24, 2002.
- 1971 Betty Evans.
- 1974 Martha J. Shirley, February 9, 2003.

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1873-1973

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BY
Sylvia Perkins

Available for \$10 per copy

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Both Books can be purchased as a set for \$25 per set.

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A history of the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association
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By
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Available for \$15.00 per copy

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Please add \$6.00 shipping and handling to each order.

IHP Corner

By Patricia Murphy

Nursing Generalist Completion Ceremony

President Caldwell welcomed the Graduate Program Nursing Class of 2004 and their families and friends to the Generalist Completion Ceremony held on Saturday, April 26, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the IHP.

Jeanne Dolan, MSN, RN, Institute Faculty and keynote speaker emphasized the power of nursing to be present to witness the patient's reality and validate their experiences. She spoke of this special gift we give which has in many instances been far more important than our mastery of skills and our knowledge.

Kevin M Fairly and David J Seabolt, student speakers, presented a very humorous video highlighting the trials and tribulations of the struggling and tired students in the nursing program. The finale of the video showed the students celebrating passing the RN boards.

The Ruth Sleeper Award was given to Todd Hultman.

Faculty letters spoke of his willingness to take the leadership role in class and in clinical situations reflecting an understanding of how important it is to support and engage others. "His commitment to the caring values, theory based practice and the collective advancement of nursing as a profession embodies the spirit of the life and work of Ms Ruth Sleeper." Dr. Hultman, earned a PhD in psychology before enrolling in the MSN program, and is currently involved in independent study on pain management that he will complete in the fall of 2003. This award is based on the highest academic achievement at the generalist level, in both clinical and theoretical performance.

The Adele Corkum Award went to David Seabolt.

He exemplifies what a caring nurse and advanced practice nurse strive to achieve in their professional career as well as personal life" according to faculty members. David works in the HIV community and has presented on the issues related to the management of HIV in primary care. In his clinical work with community service activities around HIV and AIDS he communicates his infectious enthusiasm to his peers.

Graduation:

The Twenty-third Commencement Ceremony for the IHP took place on May 10, 2003 at Harvard Medical School Quadrangle. Linda Tarr-Whelan, RN former Ambassador and U. S. Representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women spoke on the subject of the continuing plight of women and the need for women to continue their quest to enter all types of work. After reminding the class of how far we have come, she focused on the need to remain vigilant and help make more progress in the area of women in leadership roles worldwide.

NURSING: ISSUES AND POSSIBILITIES

A report from the new director of nursing at the MGH IHP

by Margery Chisholm, RN, EdD, CS, ABPP

Nursing as a profession will face some of its biggest challenges and opportunities during the next decade. Specifically the issues revolve around workforce projections, the aging of Americans, and workplace conditions. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing indicates a 26% decline in NCLEX-RN test takers from 1995 to 2000. The National Sample Survey from the NIH Division of Nursing shows a 9.1% decrease in the RN population under age 30. Additionally, a 20% shortfall in the number of required registered nurses by the year 2020 has been projected.

The average age of practicing nurses is increasing. Forty percent of RN's are projected to be of age 50 years by 2010. Coupled with the aging of the workforce and job dissatisfaction, there is an additional shortage in nursing faculty. Faculty age in our profession has increased to a median of 51 years, and there is an anticipated increase in faculty retirements during the next decade. These issues can negatively impact preparation of the nursing workforce to address the projected shortage.

The shift in health care delivery to a primary care system, with gate keepers to specialty services, funding shifts from fee for service to capitation services, and health care as business based (with stock option opportunities in a for-profit business orientation) have changed the nature of nursings' involvement in health care. These shifts have impacted the nature of "caring" services, the heart and core of the nursing profession.

While this is the immediate past and current context for nursing, the horizon is brightening and the crisis is turning into opportunities.

Congress has approved the Nurse Reinvestment Act and the first grants are being requested in new areas of funding. These include: nurse education, practice and retention; internship and residency programs; nursing workforce diversity grant opportunities; and bioterrorism training and curriculum development.

Professional organizations, e.g. NLN, as well as government agencies are focusing on the preparation of teachers of nursing and developing incentives for nurses to retool as educators. Loan programs look attractive. These grants allow practicing nurses to consider new avenues of involvement in the profession, applying their experience to the development of the next generation of nurses.

Enrollments to programs of nursing nationally have seen increases in admissions during 2002-2003. In fact, direct-entry programs, like the Institute's, are the fastest growing nursing programs nationally and are the new degree option across the country. These programs are also attracting more men into the profession. This will alter the perception and reality of nursing as a predominantly women's profession.

At the Institute, the latest admissions cycle for Fall 2003 entry received the highest number of applications in three years, more than double last year's applicant pool. The

Institute enjoys a distinguished and long history in educating the direct-entry student and will continue to capitalize on this expertise as we address the preparation of future nurses. The new RN admission pathway (for diploma/associate degree prepared nurses) is currently accepting students and is proving to be an important addition to the educational options available at the Institute.

We are especially pleased with the pass rate for the specializations at the advanced practice level of the curriculum. First time candidates for the Nurse Practitioner examinations did extremely well. Three of the specializations had 100% passing rates (pediatric, family and acute care) and a fourth had a passing rate over 92% (adult nurse practitioner specialization). These results were all well above the national average for first time test takers.

In addition, students sitting for the psychiatric clinical nurse specialist examination were also highly successful in passing this advanced practice examination. We are pleased with the results achieved under the leadership of specialization coordinators, who assure that the curricula are state of the art and science within each advanced practice area.

What does the future hold for nursing at the Institute?

In speaking with faculty we are excited about the possibilities for creative enhancement of the curriculum, building new alliances while strengthening past partnerships, and facilitating faculty involvement in research and scholarship.

At a retreat in Fall 2003, faculty will be addressing some of the challenges in clinical care as they relate to curriculum development and enhancement. These include: an elderly population, an increase in multicultural/diversity patient populations, integration of mental health and alternative (holistic) practice into primary care, disaster preparedness, management of chronic conditions and involvement in International nursing.

We will be looking at new ways to bring students into nursing through part-time study options, expanding the psychiatric specialization to provide education for working with children and families, and developing new role options in management and teaching. The future looks bright for nursing.

The nursing program at the Institute looks forward to meeting the new challenges and continuing the tradition of the Institute to provide education that is innovative, interdisciplinary, and state of the art. The program is very well positioned to help address this crisis in health care that has been identified above.

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Homecoming 2003

Homecoming this year will be at the Radisson Hotel Boston Hotel. The Alumnae has reserved a block of rooms at the reduced rate of \$179.00 per room plus tax and parking. In order to get this rate you must book your space before August 20th directly through the hotel. Call 617 482 1800 or 800 333 3333 to reserve space. Remember the Alumnae is also presenting a CE program on the Friday before Homecoming which is a full day program. The group name to mention when you make your reservation is the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association. Remember space in the fall in Boston is very limited so book your room today.

At the end of this publication you will find the agenda for both days.

Reserve your space today!!!

MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association Student Paper Award

The MGHNAA is accepting submissions from the students of the MGHIHP Graduate Program in Nursing for the Student Paper Award. The awards will be made in October and May annually. Deadline for submission is October 10 and May 10 each year. The purpose of this award is to provide a mechanism by which to recognize outstanding students for creative and innovative writing skills in defining what nursing is to them or a topic of current interest in nursing. The winning paper will be recognized as follows:

- A \$750 cash award
- The paper will be published in the **Alumnae Record**

Eligibility and Requirements:

This award is open to all **students** of the MGHIHP Graduate Program in Nursing at the time of submission deadline.

The paper must be submitted in electronic form for publication (word or rich text format) to Lindaorrell@aol.com and to MGHNAA@aol.com by October 10 for the fall award and by May 10 for the spring award. The paper should not exceed 10 pages including references, tables, and figures. Include your name, email address, mailing address, and phone number with the submission.

Review Criteria:

The Communications and Publications Committee of the MGHNAA will review papers and decisions will be up to the discretion of the committee. The decisions will focus on the ideas presented, writing style, and the general interest of the topic to the members of the Alumnae Association.

Notification:

All submissions will be notified by email when the submission is received and the winning award recipient will be notified by email and in written form within two weeks after the submission deadline.

This edition we received multiple papers and thank all of the students who sent in their work. The committee had a hard choice but we are pleased to present the following Student Paper Award to Joanne Meegan, RN for her article that follows:

Nursing: The Balancing Act
By Joanne Meegan, RN

In one room is an elderly woman. There is a doctor's order to remove her urinary catheter. She wants to leave it in, out of fear that the bedpan will not arrive in time when she calls. She has ALS, or "Lou Gehrig's Disease." She can no longer feed herself, she cannot cough effectively, she asks to be "burped" after she eats. Her speech is difficult to understand. She is here because she fell in her home and fractured her hip. She has a husband who is very attentive and a daughter who is eager to learn more about how to care for her mother. Her nurse places blue Chux underneath her and wonders if an adult "diaper" would be appropriate in this situation. The nurse acknowledges the validity of the woman's concerns. The nurse assures the patient and her family that once the catheter is removed, every effort will be made to arrive in time with the bedpan. The nurse provides reassurance also that the woman need not be embarrassed if she cannot wait until the bedpan arrives; this occurrence is one that the nurses commonly encounter. The woman gives her assent and the nurse removes the catheter.

Down the hall, an elderly woman and her two grown children watch and wait as their 80-year-old husband and father slowly declines. The doctor's order has been for some time now that only the IV nurse is to draw blood from this patient, and then only every other day. Today the vein in the patient's right forearm, into which his IV fluid has been infusing for two days, has apparently given out. His forearm is beginning to swell. His nurse shuts off the fluid and pages the IV nurse. A short time later, another IV is inserted. The doctor says, however, that when this one goes, that's it. No more IVs are to be started in this patient. In the midst of this scene, the family asks the nurse to hold the patient's pain medication so that the patient will be more lucid while they are present. They tell the nurse, "That's what he wants."

Across the floor, a 42-year-old fresh post-op drifts in and out of sleep. He has boyish looks and an athletic physique, which makes him appear at first glance to be a man half his age. His wife and father sit quietly at his bedside while he rests. This young man has just undergone surgery to remove his cancerous prostate. He complains that his back is aching. His nurse brings him a heating pad made from a moist facecloth wrapped in Chux and zapped in the microwave for 20 seconds. It's getting late in the afternoon. The patient's wife seems anxious. She asks the nurse when his clothing will be coming up from the surgical unit. She would also like to know when she will be able to speak to her husband's surgeon.

In the hallway, a 51-year-old executive for a famous New York fashion designer is pacing. He has slicked-back hair and looks like a movie star. He looks out-of-place in a hospital robe, Teds, and nonskid slipper socks. As his nurse walks by, she smiles at him and tells him he looks great. Yesterday, pain was an issue, but today, thanks to a

change in the orders, the pain is well controlled. The doctors informed him this morning that they believe his shoulder, broken six years ago in a riding accident, has been harboring an infection for the past year. He will need to be on IV antibiotics for the next six months. A PICC line has been inserted into his right arm. He mentioned to his nurse a little while ago that he is a “nervous wreck” over the news.

Everyone is familiar with the visible tasks that nurses perform: we assess vital signs, administer medications, assist with activities of daily living, and change dressings. But what might surprise people outside the profession is that nurses must also balance a host of concerns that are less tangible. Nursing is a dynamic process in which we are constantly assessing, reassessing, weighing, and acting on the shifting needs, desires, and capabilities of our patients. (The “nervous wreck” fashion executive seemed fine for most of the morning.) Simultaneously, we are called on to act as liaisons among doctors, other clinicians, patients, and families, prioritizing and addressing these needs and concerns in the process. (The family wants to communicate meaningfully with their husband and father during what may be his final days or hours, but his pain needs to be controlled. The post-op’s wife is understandably anxious; the nurse provides reassurance to her as well as to her husband.) At the same time, we collaborate with our co-workers to ensure that patient care and our own experience on the floor are of the highest quality possible. (Perhaps another nurse or a PCA would provide the patient with the bedpan if the patient’s nurse is unavailable when she calls.)

Nursing requires not only technical expertise, but also demands an ability to assess people and situations continuously, and use these assessments to inform our clinical judgment. Observing more experienced nurses, people new to the profession wonder, “Will I ever be as skilled as they are?” Of course from novice to expert, we all strive for excellence in practice. While those of us who are new to the profession need to be persistent in our efforts to improve our skills and judgment, it is important to remember as we do so that we have benefited just for having entered into the endeavor.

Now the woman with ALS is calling for the bedpan. The family of the 80-year-old man is calling because he has decided he wants the suppository he refused earlier. The post-op’s wife is calling because her husband’s IV “keeps dinging.” The fashion executive has returned to his room and is calling for something to “calm his nerves.”

The balancing act continues.

MGH Nursing Update
by Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN, MS
Sr. Vice President for Patient Care and Chief Nurse

Nurse Recognition Week 2003

May 4-9, 2003, we celebrated Nurse Recognition Week - one of the best celebrations yet. The week was kicked off with a Sunday breakfast with the weekend staff. It was a great opportunity for nurses across the patient care units to come together to network. Afaf Meleis, RN, PhD, DrPS (honorary), FAAN, and Pat Ebricht, RN, DNS with Kathy Rapala, RN, JD presented and shared new perspectives on the topics of diversity and patient safety, respectively.

Mid-week the multi-faceted Yvonne L. Munn, RN Nursing Research Program was held. The day was filled with scientific sessions presented by MGH nurses Diane Carroll, RN, PhD, "Quality of Life in Implanted Cardioverter Defibrillator Recipients: The Impact of a Device Shock" and Peggy Doyle Settle, RNC, MS, Nurse Manager, "Evaluating the Environment of Care." The Yvonne L Munn speaker was Margaret Grey, DrPH, CPNP, CDE, FAAN, who presented her research "Enhancing Behavioral Care for Youth with Diabetes." Also of note, this year forty-one research and professional posters by MGH nurses lined the first floor halls of the MGH.

On Thursday, May 8, 2003, I presented my annual address to the MGH nursing staff. This year I presented the research I conducted regarding nursing's image among our youth, and their parents and teachers. I cited that one of nursing's key challenges is to articulate the important work we do to others so they understand the depth and breadth of a career in nursing. My presentation closed with an upbeat video showcasing MGH nurses and was followed by another nursing reception in the Trustees area.

The week closed with the annual MGH Nurses Day at the Museum of Science. Despite the chill in the air, a good time and week was had by all.

Pet Therapy Program Pilot

On February 19, 2003, the Pet Therapy Program pilot was launched. The program is comprised of visits by volunteer handlers and their dogs visiting patients on Ellison 7 general surgery, Bigelow 14 vascular surgery and Bigelow 11 medicine. Staff nurses on these units use general inclusion and exclusion criteria to identify which patients would benefit from a visit from one of the four dogs in the program.

After each visit, patients and staff are asked to complete a semantic differential scale asking them to indicate the effect of the pet visit. In addition, the people completing the pet therapy evaluation tool are asked for their age, gender, if they are a patient, family member or staff member, if they own a pet, the duration of their hospitalization (if a patient) and would they recommend the program to other patients.

To-date, there have been 303 Pet Therapy visits and 161 evaluation forms completed showing:

- Age range: 20-100 years

- Length of hospitalization: 1 day – 2-1/2 years
- Gender: 75 males and 73 females
- Pet owner: 83 did not own a pet; 76 did own a pet
- Recommend the program to others: 156/161 of people who completed the evaluation said they would recommend a pet visit to other patients.
- Average length of the visit: 10 minutes
- A majority of the patients described the pet visit as: satisfying, comforting, relaxing, peaceful and created a feeling of attachment.

Based on this positive feedback, the Pet Therapy Program will continue and will be rolled-out to additional units.

Magnet Recognition Site Visit

The three-day Magnet Recognition Site Visit will be held on June 12-12, 2003. During the site visit, the two Appraisers from the American Nurses Credentialing Center will tour the MGH, attend collaborative governance committee meetings, meet with forums of staff nurses, physicians, senior hospital leadership and members of the Board of Trustees, and clinical nurses specialists. In addition, the Appraisers will visit nearly twenty of the patient care units and attend Nursing Grand Rounds.

Upon the conclusion of the site visit, the Appraisers complete documents for submission to the ANCC Commission on Magnet Recognition about how MGH meets the 14 standards of care and professional performance. The Commission meets quarterly and will review MGH's documentation at its next meeting in early September. A decision about our status will follow shortly thereafter.

I wish you all a wonderful, safe summer and look forward to seeing all of you at your Fall homecoming celebration.

Class News

1925

Esther L Martinson died at the age of 100 on January 6th. She had worked as a nurse throughout her life until her retirement in the early 1970's. Her work included 30 years as Director of Public Health Nursing for the State of Vermont. A recent book on the history of Vermont nursing contains a section on Esther's contributions to the state.

1937 September

Elva Sawyer Proctor
27 Brook Hill Rd
Milton, MA

I am your new class representative as Agnes Lang Reynolds has had health problems and does not feel able to continue. Agnes has moved from her home in Plymouth to Charleston, So Carolina to live with her daughter and family.

Bunny Simpson MacAffee lost her son recently. She had enjoyed a nice visit from him a few weeks before he passed away at his home in California. Bunny lives in Centerville MA. Our sympathy goes out to her.

Faith Bailey Thibbetts is now living with her daughter in Orlando FL since the loss of her husband, Joe.

Betty Harting Houghton and husband Paul are in Orange City, FL.

Blanche Jukins Zaneweski and husband William are long time residents of Everett, MA.

I attended Homecoming in September (our 60th) and enjoyed a tour of the IHP. Classrooms were never like this!! I do seem to remember a lab where we cut up an anesthetized frog and the foul smelling carcass of a cat.

I live alone in my big hundred year old house. Being the pack rat that I am, I can't imagine emptying it and going elsewhere as long as I have two legs that carry me easily over the stairs and behind the lawnmower and snow shovel. My son and daughter are nearby and helpful when needed, but I love my independence.

I teach watercolor at two nursing homes. Some of the residents are severely handicapped (MS and strokes) but it is gratifying to see what they can accomplish with a bit of help. My nursing background is a great advantage here.

If anyone has news of our classmates, do let me know so the word can be passed along in the next Alumnae Record.

1939 September

Winona Behr Smith
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No one from the September, 1939 class attended the last reunion. We're all in our 80's, many live alone, have been ill or live too far away to travel alone. However, I have kept in touch with many members of our class. (I have an extra bedroom and any of you are welcome to stay overnight).

Mary Gay Aubrey has lived in Winchester, MA most of her married life. Mary doesn't go out too often – uses a walker. Mary's daughter Gay and husband are building an addition to their house in Barre, VT where Mary will live in. Mary has already sold her house and has to move by June 20th. I will see her before she leaves for Barre.

I talked with Alice Clarke, still lives in New Jersey. Alice spent much time during WWII in Australia and was in on the first Mash production. Alice was editor RN magazine and tells me she wrote for several other nursing magazines. At this age, her eyesight is very poor.

Phyllis Wilber Hanson lives in Chatham, MA – has problems walking as I do. I see Phyll in the summer and we telephone each other during the winter months. Phyll has lost quite a bit of weight, but is just as pretty as ever.

Gracie Babcock Gatcombe, another WWII Vet lives in a senior project in Wallingford, CT close by one of her sons and grandchildren. She is going to try to make the reunion this September.

Dottie Wilber (? Married name) lives in Rowley, MA with daughter and son-in-law. Gracie tells me that Dot has trouble walking and goes to Conn. with daughter and uses a wheelchair. Pause -Phyll Hanson just called me from MGH. She and I both see Dr. Hutter, Cardiologist at MGH. Phyll's son drove her from Cape Cod.

I tried to get Phyllis Young Wheeler on the telephone – lives in Worcester, MA – no luck, but will try again.

Last summer I saw Kay Dee Horgan, Concord, MA at the Cape. Kay graduated after we did and is still working. I also see Shirley (? Maiden name) Donnelly – we both go to St. Brigid's Parish in Lexington, MA. Shirley graduated after we did. When I was still working as Occupational Health Nurse for RCA, Shirley relieved me a few times.

I have lived in Lexington, MA 50 plus years. Have a Cape house in Bass River, MA where I see my grandchildren more often – seven grandchildren and two great

grandchildren. I work for FISH a volunteer organization which gives rides to people who need transportation to doctor's offices, etc.. I also do a first Friday coffee each month at our church.

Rebecca, my daughter's youngest girl, graduated from University of VT with a BS and RN. She worked for a few years as cardiac catheterization specialist. She left nursing and just completed a year at Dickinson University Law School – Penn State. She is coming home for the summer, will work at St. Elizabeth Hospital (cath lab). She will be living with me for the summer. I look forward to her being here.

REQUEST - If any of you have news of our class members, please forward it to me.

1944 September

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We stay busy traveling or raising Funds for our daughter Celeste Ann's Memorial Scholarship Fund at Lee University, Cleveland, TN. She was killed in an auto accident at the age of 18. This year 22 students attended college on scholarships. Two of my memorable trips were to Mongolia and Siceria. I was able to visit hospitals and clinics.

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From Dorothy Curran: Kenneth, my husband of 53 years died on April 3, 2003. Since I'd been busy with his 24/7 care for 2 years, I haven't traveled to the Boston area. This summer I plan to travel up for June and July and hope to see other classmates. Two of my children live in the area and my youngest son Major Robert Curran is in the Iraq Theatre on rotation.

1948 February

2002 has not been a very good year for our tight little group. Thelma (Tim) Roberts Colby died on October 31. Tim had been in a nursing home with Alzheimers for eight years. Ardis Murray Brozyna had several physical problems for the last few years. She had a stroke and died on November 4. Jackie Fishell Leabman had fought with cancer for several years. She died on December 23. Anna Towhill Smith had pneumonia in December and was hospitalized. She seemed to recover from that, but had a relapse and died on January 4. I can say the same thing about the four of them. They were kind, caring nurses. They were fun-loving. They were STRONG! They accepted life's problems with courage. No matter the distance, no matter the passing

of years we have always stayed close. They will be missed, but they will never be forgotten.

Haven't heard from Shirl Atwood Sutton for some time. Hope all is well with her.

Lois Bloomquist Erikson and Erik had a family reunion last summer. They were seventeen in all, staying for two weeks. Daughter Janet's husband is an Episcopal minister in California. Erik is a senior at Yale, Steven is a freshman at Tufts, Karen is in the tenth grade. She's in high school, ending 15 years of Home-schooling for Karen. David, a Youth Pastor, and Krista sold their home in Ohio and moved to Michigan. They have four boys ages 7 to 1. Karen and family live close to Lois and they enjoy having them there.

Betty Chapman Eller is doing well. She had that wonderful trip to Italy last year, but she is staying close to home because of world conditions. Ole and I have visited her in her new home. It is a lovely spot with all the amenities you could want.

Kay Collins Gallagher told me she was coming to Orlando for 2 weeks. She was having her family, half one week, half the other. She just had her 15th grandchild, a little girl. I had planned to drive up and have a mini-reunion with Kay and Anna. Kay called later and told me of Anna's death. So Ole and I drove up and went to the services with Kay. Anna had everything arranged. She always said she wanted to be buried in her MGH uniform and so she did, even with the cap on. I'm sending you some copies about Anna. I met one of Kay's daughters with her grandchild! Kay's daughter looked so young compared to me and she's a grandmother. Guess I started much too late.

I had called Jackie Fishel Leabman yesterday and left a message for her to call me. I received a call from her son this morning telling me that Jackie had died.

Had a card from Mary Geiser Fontrier. Gus has had two back surgeries and a pacemaker. She had been in a wheelchair for a while. She took her four daughters on a Caribbean Cruise. Can't keep Gus down for too long!

Ginnie Goodwin Waldner wrote and told me she and Frank had sold their mobile home in Miami and were looking forward to spending a few months at Fort Myers on the West Coast. Wish she had moved closer to me. They went to Alabama in October for Frank's Navy Reunion and went to Ohio for Christmas with family.

Barba Gray Carleen sent a picture of all her grandchildren with their favorite uncle Lance. Eric and George live in West Windsor, NJ., Anna – 11 and Maggie – 9 are promising pianists. Their music teacher is Russian and it shows. Barb says their playing is bold, emphatic and exciting – that figures. Lance lives alone in Waltham. He enjoys long hikes and canoeing on the Massachusetts rivers. Jon and Trisha live in Chapachet RI. They are about to build a 5 bedroom house. With Nicole – 14, Stephen – 13, James – 9, and Jennifer - 4 guess that's a good move. Hans and Renee live in

Woburn. Still newly weds they hope to buy their first home next year. Warren is still battling lung cancer as well as emphysema. It was a big disappointment that his last CT scan showed a reactivation of the tumor. He is now participating in a trial drug study at MGH.

Fran Kiesel Z. and Rudy are doing fine. Fran enclosed an article on old age with her card. It was so funny that I laughed aloud when I read it. Guess it hit home. Christmas Eve I read it to the whole family. Hope you enjoy it too.

Pat Northridge Fairhurst and Bill still spend much time volunteering at a museum. Daughter Judy stays the same, in her own little world and needs much help. It is now 14 years since she became ill. It is heartbreaking for those who love her and please do pray that God continues to give them the tremendous courage and love they need.

Renee Niedospal Curmi has had a good year other than dental work and severe bronchitis. She was in 2 different research programs, but was excused because of the bronchitis. She had a good time in Vegas at Breeder's Cup and video poker. Hopes to repeat her luck at Super Bowl. Perhaps we should name her our Grand Gambler. On the other hand, she deserves another name – Miss Movie Star. She went to Lexington, KY in November to be an extra in the movie "Seabiscuit." It appears sometime this year. There were thousands there, but you know Renee would stand out no matter how large the crowd.

Connie Palmer doing well – just the little aches and pains we all enjoy. She hasn't traveled much this year. Just went to RI to visit family and to attend Women's Health Initiative sessions. It is the group with recent findings in hormone replacement. Connie is not part of that study but is with the dietary study. Said she has had more snow already than in the whole of last year. There's always Florida, Connie!

Pauline Roy Wheeler and Fred grateful for their good health. They've been traveling to visit children. Seattle to see Mark and his family. Cindy has had a very busy year in her gardens in Seattle and Vashon Island. She has been very successful growing lavender. Has even had enough to sell at the local farmers' market. Mark has had his first year with his vineyard in eastern Washington and was very pleased with the quality and quantity. Chris is a junior at Yale and doing well. He is captain of the Skeet shooting team. Sarah is a junior in high school, busy visiting colleges and worrying about SAT's. She has been involved in Outward Bound and doing winter survival training – a real outdoor girl. Kirk and his friend, Pat Kelleher have bought a house together outside of San Francisco. It has a terraced garden which they are replanting with native plants. Karen and Terry are still in Albuquerque. She bought a lovely house this year with a lap pool. Terry can now walk to school which is convenient. Eris, Lisa and the children keep very busy with all the children's activities and home-schooling. Paulie and Fred love their being close. This is the first time they have lived near the children. Fred and Paulie took a Three River Cruise with friends from Raleigh. They sailed on the Rhine, the Main and the Danube from Cologne to Vienna. They enjoyed visiting the little medieval towns along the way.

Last January Eileen Sheehan spent two weeks with Anna. I drove up for a week-end and we had a wonderful mini-reunion. We looked through old photo albums and reminisced about the good ole days.

Had a card from Ruby Sundeen Phipps and Bob. They are still in Bedford NH, the children are close and they enjoy that.

The Nissens are all fine. Christian – 7, second grade now, William is 4 and Ellie will be 2 in March. Brody is 6. One night I had the 4 of them for a sleepover. When I woke, I tripped on Christian's bedroll, fell back and hit my head on the bedside table. The pain was tremendous. I even said the act of contrition aloud. He jumped up, tried to help me into bed and said, "I'll be right back." He came back with a small dish rag full of ice cubes. I thanked him and he said that since I did so much for him he should help me. Then he juggled and kissed me and said, "nobody should die so close to Brody's birthday." Not long ago he told me "you won't be around when I'm in high school and you won't be around when I'm in college, but don't worry about it. In college I'll send all my papers up to heaven and you can read them there." I just hope they won't have to be forwarded!

I called Hazel Henderson Kubic to see how she and her daughter Brenda were doing. Brenda had been diagnosed with ALS. She told me that Brenda had died a year and a half ago at age 51. She died in April and Hazel had a stroke just after Christmas. She was in the hospital for a few months. She's doing well now! There's that courage again!

I called Ethel Todd Nicholls as I hadn't heard from her for a while. She's doing well. She has two daughters and two grandchildren in college. She is retired now but it seems as though she has done so many types of nursing – teaching, administration, mental illness. I can't remember them all. She loves horses and still rides.

Now for some really happy news. You know that Arlene Wink McNamara sold her home in RI and moved to Reno to be near one of her sons. He is an airline pilot. Her other son is in the Air Force, soon to retire. He has lived in Hawaii for some time. Well, Winkie moved into a brand new adult community. There were only 6 residents at the first. So the six ate together, did many things together. There was a retired colonel who became quite friendly and in October I received a notice of their wedding. Both families attended and were delighted with the match. They became celebrities. Winkie sent me an article from the paper. I thought you all would enjoy reading it. I know we all wish Winkie and John the very best!

Still haven't found Winonah Marble Griesemer – let me know if anyone knows where she is.

1949 September

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Pat Edge Wilson

Bill, her husband, was diagnosed with a cancer of the tongue. Speech was hardly affected – doing well. Children-grandchildren David still runs the Ironman Triathlon each year. Peter teaches high school band. Barbara is an assistant in the high school library. Jan lives close by – had an auto accident when she was 21 – uses a walker and is a great encourager for Bill. Jan has a 14-yearold son who just made the 9th grade basketball team. Mely, oldest grandchild, lives in Hawaii and is working on PhD in political science and teaches at the University of Hawaii (David's daughter). Sam has graduated from the University of Washington and wants to be an actor. Charley will graduate from high school this spring – Diabetes slightly less brittle. Ken is a respiratory therapist and his wife Rebecca, an ICU Nurse, live in Eugene, OR. Pat just finished a class at University of Washington on Canadian History.

Elsie Bahsler Peecher

Still a busy home with 5 people plus Elsie living at home – Fell and fractured her left wrist last year. Guess we are all getting to that stage in our lives. Be careful.

Ruth Tillson Lowell

Christmas greetings – enjoys reading about classmates in Alumnae Record

Irene Weisslinger Swan

Still enjoys taking care of 2 grandchildren. Still managing her own home. She will spend July and August in Vermont.

Peggy Fraser Bender

Enjoyed a 7-day cruise to Alaska May 2002. Spent September in Essex. Contacted "Cou" and Kitty Brennan but didn't get to see them. Spent time with Warren and Trudy (Walsh) Hynes in Pompano Beach in February.

Blanche "Cou" Couillard

Tore a tendon in her leg and had to wear a cast – I quote her, "Old age is for the birds."

Jean Lutz Perkins

Has been visiting Sara Wilhelme Babb once a year since Ed's death – What a great time they may have!! She also saw Trudy and Ed Hynes in October.

Trudy Walsh Hynes

Christmas greetings. Saw Dot Johnson McCann last summer. They have also been visiting Elder Hostels.

Fran Cavallo

Enjoyed a trip to Italy – Enjoyed visiting the Vatican. Fran's sister died of cancer. Fran lived with her and took care of her while she was ill.

Marge Westcott Landrum

Putting house in South Carolina on the market and want to move to Florida – warmer climate. Marge heard from "Smitty" who is still in San Francisco.

Anna Spahl Hoffman: Christmas greetings

Kitty Brennan: Christmas greetings

Pat Malloy Kenniff: Christmas greetings

Ruth Postler Parlan

A busy year (2002). Took French lessons in hopes of visiting France in 2003. Involved with Friends of the Library. Put on a huge book sales 4x's a year for a week apiece. In between sales they sort, clean, stack boxes and store books for the next sale. Three kids are "fine and busy". 1 grandchild in kindergarten (Emily), grandson William is 3 in Feb. 2003. All live within 2 hours of each other. Celebrate "long holidays" together.

Janice Miller Marks

Oldest grandchild is 25 and the youngest is 3. Traveled for 6-weeks in the summer – spent time in New England and visited brother in Oklahoma. Glad to be back in their home – admits that we are "oldsters". Right on!

Jackie Auger Brown

A fall down a flight of stairs in August 2002 precipitated a move to Florence, MA. to live with my younger daughter and her husband and 2 teenagers. Another daughter lives 10-12 miles away so we have lots of great visits. The grandchildren's ages are: 22, 20, 19, 17, 2 are 16, 2 are 14 and 1 is 12. Except for 3 of them, they all live in Mass. – the 3 others live in Utah with their parents. My new address is: 25 Bayberry Lane, Florence, MA 01062 (413) 587-0334

Mary Libbey Morris

All is well and looking forward to her grandson's high school graduation in June, then off to U Mass Amherst in the fall. Granddaughter Nicole (15) will be attending Harvard University this summer and studying biology. Time has flown!

Mary Hamilton Biggio

Looking forward to summer and a re-union in June with students from Bill's first teaching position in N.H. She is experiencing back problems but manages to keep going with a positive attitude.

Ruth Stronach Henshaw

Ruth and Bob are moving into a Life Care Center in May. Plan to keep their house for one year. They will spend their summer in Nova Scotia but will probably go by Amtrak rather than drive.

Barbara Stevens Wright

Barbara and her husband love retirement at Mayflowers. Their daughter in N. Carolina was hit hard by the ice storm and may move back to Florida.

We report with great sadness on the deaths of Evelyn Adamic Smith and Marguerite Carter Primo.

Many thanks to Jackie Auger Brown for sharing and putting together most of this newsletter.

Have a wonderful summer and please keep in touch.

1949 February

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Dear Classmates,

Spring came very quickly by date since our last issue but the weather doesn't agree. We here in CT had a tough winter – lots of cold and snow, starting early and lingering still. We've had lots of rain since and everything is very green and blooming, but not much sun yet.

I haven't had much correspondence since Christmas so I have only a few tidbits since then. It seems that most of us have settled into early old age associated with numerous appointments, part replacements and medication to keep us well and active! Maybe no news is good news!

Jane Seeling and Fred's holiday letter told of traveling to Debbie's in Indiana and to Lt Col Paul's in Nebraska. They had an impressive guided tour of Strategic command Headquarters. For Thanksgiving they were all together at Debbie's. Having never known much about Nebraska, or anyone who lived or traveled there, I thoroughly enjoyed a book titled "Once Upon a town" by Bob Greene telling the story of The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen during WWII. Unbelievable what the people did – very touching and so generous! I wonder if Jane is anywhere near, but she probably knows the story anyway.

Betty Bridges reported that her health (Cardiac) had improved and that she was feeling better. She loves to have the kids visit. She mentioned contributing to the fund for the nursing sculpture – I told her that we were doing that individually – right?

Clara Sellon wrote mostly of all the snow they had to shovel! But when I spoke to her recently she said that she and Charlie were planning their annual trip to California in June for sa sister's fiftieth anniversary. However, Clara does have a condition called Polymyalgia Rheumatica which involves pain down her shoulder and arm and at times, her leg. Medication relieves the symptoms.

Podee Hopkins and Stewart are moving into a senior living community in Groveland, MA soon. She had fallen that day when her dog pulled away from her on the leash – she wasn't badly hurt but pretty sore – and she was having two tables of bridge that night! I'm sure Stewart made a very gracious host! Podee is having a knee replacement later in the month; she has been wearing a knee brace, so let's hope for a successful improvement!

I have received some lovely notes from Kit Weare Porter's daughters, Cynthia Kirksey and Mary Hubbard. Kit and her husband had been living in a retirement facility since last April, but he died in November after surgery to repair a broken leg and pneumonia. Their daughters who live nearby tell of her pride in Mass General and the friendships formed in the happy years there. It seems that Kit loves to be the nurse and still tends to those who seem to need TLC where she lives. She loves to get cards and notes and reads and rereads them to all. The girls say she remembers our names better than theirs! Her address is LaVilla Assisted Living, Rose Garden Alzheimer's Care, 2725 No. Pennsylvania Ave, Roswell, NM 88201. Please send cards, etc.

Bea Comstock Paquin wrote that her husband, Joe suffered a heart attack out of the blue and subsequently underwent quadruple bypass surgery in Bangor. He recovered very well after cardiac rehab. They got to a big family reunion of her mother's family. They were some of the original settlers in New Brunswick and brought over the first apple trees! They also took a bus trip to the Foxwood Casino here in CT and visited with Joe's brother and wife. I've been there only once and found it overwhelming – I'm definitely not a gambler but it is fun to watch!

Mary Morris Gregory misplaced the response card but has nothing "startling" to report. She is enjoying being a grandmother (how many?) – loves to hike and is teaching meditation and ignoring health data! She seems as casual and fun loving as ever. I don't think she ever made a reunion but it would be great to see her.

Do many of you get persistent job offers? I get a chuckle out of them, assuming that they don't notice the DOB. However this year I finally registered as inactive and now have a Retired RN license and pay \$5.00 here in CT. I can and will continue working at Senior and Flu Clinics etc. I don't think that will include a smallpox clinic, which is under consideration now.

Unfortunately me three nurse daughters are pretty disillusioned about nursing in their particular positions and completely understand the lack of interest in nursing as a career, leading to the very real nursing shortage. They are often mandated to work overtime and experience very difficult patients and demanding families, whose demands are unbelievable to me! My daughters know how I enjoyed being a nurse, but constantly remind me how different it is now! We were professional and were treated as such in our working days!

A final news item! Podede had interesting news of Madaline Smith Luce, who has been widowed for five years – she met and has been corresponding with a retired missionary who lives in Holland. After a couple of visits here and there, they are planning to marry and live in Holland. Maybe more firsthand details in the fall. We wish her much happiness!

Fortunately, Larry and I have been well and busy, though definitely slowing down somewhat. He underwent a laparoscopic hernia repair in February with good results and a quick recovery.

I will conclude with fond memories and affection to all. If you don't appear in this spring column, how about sending me an update by the end of summer? Keep well – Bye Bye from Barbara

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Sorry to have missed the Fall Issue, but never got any news to send. Thank goodness for Christmas cards!

Gloria Gilson Kolb and Jim celebrated their 50th Anniversary last year by taking their 2 daughters and families on a Princess cruise to the Caribbean, where they renewed their wedding vows. The year before, they took their son and ex-wife from Germany and their 4 children to Disney World. Gloria and Jim helped start a new Baptist church 5 years ago. Jim is also involved with a Historic Aviation Museum in Tyler, TX. They came to Boston and New England last fall and hardly recognized MGH!

Joan McCarthy Peterson's husband was awarded a medal from the Republic of South Korea, thanking him for his service to their country's 50th Anniversary of their freedom. Joan was due to have a tendon repair for her right hand. She sent several photos of her daughters, Andrea, Paula, and the grandchildren, plus a couple of Olga Sadotti Aasen with her husband don and their extended family (a gazillion of 'em!). Omts looks just the same!

Mary Hagerty Ford and Ralph were traveling thru Mexico and Arizona during our 50th, so had to miss the festivities. She took a course at Marquette University in Parish Nursing, which she's doing now and loving it.

Mary Sargent Mackin and Ed are planning on a trip east for a wedding in Boston in July. Daughter Marita is a Business Analyst for the City of San Francisco and has a new baby, Adam. Son Benjamin age 3 ½ is in preschool. Mary's son Michael was married on Thanksgiving day.

J. B, Stocks Moore has had some health problems which she hopes have been resolved.

Marion Kelleher Evans had a wonderful trip to Prague, Budapest and on a river barge to Vienna where they were serenaded by a Czech jazz band singing "Sweet Georgia Brown." Wish I'd heard that!

Dodie Stone Bergeron is still enjoying reunion memories, but sent no news.

Bea Merz McHugh's son Tim sent news that Bea is now in a nursing home, sorry to say. She can be reached at Tim's address: Delores McHugh, 110 Sunset Ave, Meriden CT 06450. I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from you. Tim said she really perked up when she read my Christmas card. She sent a little note that she had had angioplasty in June. With the nursing shortage she thinks we should go back into nursing! Any takers?

Nat Quirk Meaney sent an Easter card – busy taking care of 2 granddaughters and had been working 5 days a week. Her son, Dan, is in the Naval Reserve and was deployed to the Persian Gulf in February for a year. He is expecting a baby in August. She heard from Viola Persechino Cataffe, who says her family is doing well.

When Doris Sears Bates didn't answer her phone for a week, I became concerned and contacted her son, Peter. He drove from Tallahassee to check on her and her phone was out of order. He contacted Meals on Wheels so she will have at least one good meal a day. She looked quite feeble last year, but insists on staying in her own home. Still feisty as ever!

And for my news. We didn't get to Florida because of Chuck's health. He had several TIAs in September resulting in dementia. He was put on risperidol, which is a true miracle drug. It took a couple of horrendous weeks to improve, but he is much better though quite feeble, requiring a home health aid, mostly for my benefit, to get out of the house. He just turned 89, so I doubt he'll improve much. He can go out occasionally with his walker, depending on how he is feeling that day. I guess all the stress took its toll on me. I had a stroke March 6th and had the Cleopatra Syndrome (Queen of Denial)! Tried to call Robin and couldn't remember her name. When I finally figured it out and called her, I couldn't speak, except to say "Mom trouble" Of course, nurse Betsy had just left that morning on a cruise and we were in the middle of a blizzard - about our 90th one this winter! I refused to call 911, so poor Robin drove me to the hospital. I kept saying it would go away. They did CAR scans, MRIs, put on a heart monitor overnight and my all-time favorite echocardiogram. An infarct was disclosed in the left Occiput region, but fortunately have no residual loss, so I am very lucky. Although mild diabetes was discovered. So, it's a diabetic diet and exercise, no medicine required for that, but do have to take blood thinners, Blood Pressure meds, etc – the usual. Went to the office the day after discharge and have been working ever since. Played 9 holes of golf on Easter and Chuck drove the cart. Found the stroke didn't have any effect on my game. It is STILL bad!

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An email from Beth Hubley Thomson on the new Web site – good luck in getting the new site up. It will be helpful for all of us and should bring us closer together. Thanks for all your work.

1955 September

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A notice from the Torrance, CA Daily Breeze sent by Joanne Beltrandi informed us of the death of Polly Gordon Coleman on November 11, 2002 at her home in San Marcos, CA. Polly had lived in CA since the '60s. Her nursing career covered many settings including surgery, intensive care, and office nurse in an industrial health clinic. Polly is survived by her husband, Trent, two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren, and a sister.

An email from Lorrie Agostini Garreau said that she and Roger had sold their home in NJ and moved to Hilton Head, SC.

Lois Johnson wrote that she is planning a trip to Alaska this year. She spent 2002 taking day trips, volunteering, and exercising which she feels has helped her arthritis a great deal.

Di Baker St. Jean traveled to Alaska last year going into the Yukon Territory, Denali, and Mt. McKinley. She reports that she is finally a grandmother as her daughter and son-in-law have adopted a baby boy. Di says, "He is very cute."

Kathy Renehan Gilligan and Leslie Schuster Ryan were able to get together last Fall for lunch when Les was in MA visiting her daughter.

Marian Mandille Cafazzo welcomed her tenth grandchild last year and expects number eleven in May - and she still has one unmarried son.

Marion Larsen Beckenstein went to Norway, Denmark, and Sweeden last year. She said they now have four grandchildren.

Shirley Kelley Fortson is still working but now only on a PRN basis at a residence for homeless women. She also volunteers at a clinic her church has established. Herman had back surgery last May so travel was limited for a while but they were planning to go to WA for the arrival of their daughter's first child.

Jean O'Leary Leary wrote that their daughter, Catherine, was living in the Far East. They have been to visit several times. Jean said the highlight of one trip was going to China and seeing The Great Wall and the Terra Cotta Warriors. Another time they explored the ruins of Angkor Watt in Cambodia. Jean is still working as a therapist, spending much time with nuns in their final years. She also belongs to a poetry writing group. She said David is "continuing to work miracles transforming their home in Rocklin, CA, creating an enchanted retirement home, nestled by a stream."

A very newsy letter arrived at Christmas from Judy Anderson Shopf and Jere. Judy had a biking accident last May and eventually needed a knee replacement. One of Judy's brothers passed away in September. Judy and Jere now have fourteen grandchildren. Can anyone beat that? Judy had five daughters but the boys lead in the next generation - twelve boys and two girls.

Harriet Beltrandi has now moved to her new condo in Detroit and is living near her son, John. Hopefully, I will have her new address for the next issue.

I noticed in the last MGH Record that forty of eighty graduates of the class of '52 attended some part of their fiftieth reunion in West Yarmouth. We would love to see that many in 2005. Please let us know what you think would be the best idea for a reunion so that we can begin to make plans.

Bunny Codi Raak, Ray, David, and I had a wonderful time in Sicily in October. We spent our first week in Palermo, going into the countryside to visit Greek and Roman temples as well as an ancient villa of a noble merchant which had beautifully preserved mosaics. We also spent a week in Taormina where we saw a performance of a local theater group in Sicilian dialect. We found an usher who spoke enough English to tell us the plot and it was very enjoyable. We missed the eruption of Mount Etna which exploded three or four days after our departure. We would have had a bird's eye view. As I write this, Bunny is traveling around New Zealand and Australia with a friend. David and I leave in a few days for Eastern Europe.

1955 March

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but thought you might be interested. MJ passed away. Mary Jane Mulligan, 69 of Newbury Park passes away at home on Tuesday August 20, 2002 after a lengthy battle with liver disease and multiple sclerosis. When her battle with MS forced an early retirement from nursing, her love of cross-stitch inspired her to open Weaver's Needle 'N' Frame, a needlepoint, cross-stitch, and framing specialty store. She was an inspiring example of determination and will throughout her life, from her dedication to nursing and her tenacity with her store, to her courageous struggle with illness. Throughout it all, she took the time to enjoy life's quieter and simpler moments. For these and countless other reasons, she will be deeply missed.

1956 September

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Many of you have asked about Ruth May. Thanks to Eileen Post Wilson we now have news of Ruth. Eileen tracked her through the Grenfell Mission.

Ruth May, 1471 Ellis Hollow Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850.

She graduated from Wellesley college and went to Labrador and Newfoundland where she taught school. Then on to MGH and then to a midwifery program. Ruth went back north for a total of twelve years – the last eight in an isolated part of Labrador where she was the only health professional. Winter travel was by dog team through her one hundred mile district. No air strips then and still no roads! Ruth said it was the epitome of holistic health care with medical, nursing, midwifery, social and Christian dimensions.

She went on to Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia to set up and direct a program preparing graduate nurses for positions in similar, mostly aboriginal communities across northern Canada. She was there for thirty years through constantly changing dynamics in northern health care and life in general. Dalhousie awarded her an honorary doctorate (LLD) in 1999. The joy of Ruth's personal life has centered around her two daughters whom she adopted as a single parent when they were infants. She is enjoying being a grandparent to four. Ruth states that in preparation for retirement she went back to serious violin study and graduated in violin performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto – grey hair and all! She now lives near the farm where she grew up.

Priscilla Wood and Chuck had a great trip to Germany and Austria. Priscilla leads a church group in making quilts and blankets for children and adults in crisis.

M. M. Gunning O'Mara enjoyed a vacation in Florida after a rather harrowing trip to get there in one of this winters infamous snow storms. She is busy trying to master er new computer. M.M. is a proud grandma again.

Marion Winquist and Walter Kinzinger's son was married last October. Marion said in her Christmas letter that she and Walt enjoyed watching the July 4th fireworks display from a rooftop while visiting in Boston. They also traveled to North Carolina and then home through the Appalachian Mountains. Her email address is: wkinzinger@juno.com.

Irma MacDougall Giglio wrote she is still working, trying to keep her business running smoothly and she sometimes thinks about retiring but can't make herself do it yet.

Mary York Mallory had another wedding in her family last year. The whole family was involved in the wedding and she said they had great fun. Mary and friends traveled to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon area this past autumn enjoying the beautiful scenery. And she is a great-grandma now! Her email address is: Marymary9095@aol.com.

Charlotte Jones Pfeil wrote that they had a year of doctors, hospitals, and surgeries. She was diagnosed with melanoma and then with ovarian cancer. As of Christmas, things were stable and she stated she treasures every moment it stays that way.

Phyllis Delano and Les Skinner took their annual trek to Florida visiting friends and relatives along the way. Phyllis is still working and also trying to start a parish nursing program at their church.

Barbara Doyle Herlihy-Chevalier told me she received a note from Carol Foss Bradford stating she had by-pass surgery last year. I emailed Carol and she said she is feeling okay and planning a trip to South Carolina soon. Her email address is: carolbradford@hotmail.com but it might be changing. You can give it a try.

Guess that's about it. Thanks for your holiday cards and notes. It was a very cold winter of storm after storm. I was so happy to put out my lawn chairs and put on my gardening straw hat a few weeks ago. Well of course it snowed right after that. My email address is: Sandybbbb@aol.com. Please identify yourself in the subject box ie maiden name and MGH connection. The amount of junk I receive is unbelievable. I won't say SPAM because I like the Spam you can eat. Anyhow, I have a very eager delete trigger finger so let me know who you are. Have a great summer.

1957

We received a note from Carol Walsh with the clipping from the Hood Magazine that stated that Elisabeth Taylor Jackson was listed in error in the In Memoriam column winter of 2002. Happily she is very much alive.

1958 September

Hello to all of our class members. Our 45th year reunion is on September 27, 2003. The first letter regarding our class dinner has been sent out. If anyone from the September Section has moved within the past five years and if you are reading this letter, please contact me so that I can send you the information. Also, if anyone has information regarding the location of any of our classmates, please contact me with their address.

Also have some sad news about Joanne Hartford Ramsey. I received a letter from her husband notifying me of Joanne's death last fall. I do have a copy of her obituary.

We are planning to donate money for the sculpture as our class gift, which will be given in memory of all of the deceased classmates in our section.

Hope to hear from you gals soon, and I hope to see many of you in September.

1959 March

Mary Caira
50 Watertown St. #602
Watertown, Ma. 02472

ALICE WRIGHT BURD Alice occupies her time with home, church, counted cross-stitch, reading, email, and traveling. Miles continues with his consulting business. Stephen and Janeen celebrated their first anniversary.

GAIL KENT CLEMMER Gail and George plan to sell their Pa. home and rent in Florida while their home is being built there. David has fulfilled a dream- he is living on a 42 ft. boat that he owns. He commutes by ferry from Bainbridge Island to Seattle. They had a reunion with some of the Clemmers in Michigan. Gail sent me a packet of information on the extensive responsibilities of the school nurse of today. I have attached a diagram –for your info. I will share more with you if you wish- please let me know and I will send it to you.

GENE SHAFFER CORCORAN Gene spent a wonderful 14 day trip in Alaska – on land and cruising. She went on a dog-sled ride and saw lots of wildlife. She also traveled on a raft down a river in Pa. She continues with the Rescue Squad as a dispatcher and is a volunteer English tutor for a Korean lady. Health-wise, she had a balloon angioplasty of the right coronary artery and a hysterectomy and is doing well. Daughter Susan has recovered from Gyn surgery. John and his wife have split up. Dan and June have bought a home nearby.

NANCY BASSETT CAMPBELL Nancy moved to a condo in central Connecticut closer to work and play. Belinda and Peter and his daughter Nichole live in Dover NH and Belinda checks in on Nancy's Mom who is having some health problems. Andy and Kathy are teaching in Ct. and their sons are thriving. Cooper(nee Ellen) is in Los Angeles, currently script-writing. Carrie and Simon had their second daughter Olivia, a sister for Jasmine. Nancy works 4 days a week on an inpatient psych unit. Donald, her significant other, is her golf and bridge partner.

MARILYN THAYER COTE Not much news from Mal. Bob is retired and busy.

ROSLYN RUGGIERO ELMS SUTHERLAND Roz was in Boston for Don's 45th Harvard Medical School reunion. She saw Judie and Elaine while she was here. Laurel

and her husband live in Somerville. He is a Harvard-MGH post-doctoral fellow for 3 to 5 years.

ELAINE FINLEY FLANAGAN Everyone is well, busy, happy and healthy. They enjoy traveling. Elaine sold her sailboat and bought a small motor boat. She plans to get a kayak. She still does lots of gardening. Jim is well.

ROBERTA FITZGERALD Fitzie spent 6 weeks on Vinalhaven in Maine. She has moved downstairs to a studio apartment, which has been totally renovated. She spent 3 wonderful weeks in Ireland and a week in London with Kay (Roy) and family. She has joined the church choir and has been singing in concerts with this choir.

AMANDA MCCREA FUHRO Bunny and Vic are still working. They plan to retire this year and spend more time with family. The university continues to grow, so there is more activity in the Human Resource department. Bunny has taken a sabbatical year from teaching in the ministry program. They were in New Jersey for the holidays. Sue and Kathy are well. Each has two daughters.. Kathy is a stay-at-home mom. Sue works at Hoffman-Laroche. The two oldest granddaughters (ages 9 and 11) spent a month during the summer with Bunny and Vic. Bunny is looking forward to the 45th anniversary reunion.

MAXINE CLARK HYBARGER After 45 years of hard labor, both Maxine and Ray are retired and are loving it. Their grandbaby, Breyana was diagnosed with 80 degree scoliosis of the spine and faces extensive surgery , similar to Gail's recent surgery. Gail and Gerry are both pursuing teaching credentials due to the recession and job losses. Maxine and Ray have been traveling-Hawaii, an Alaskan cruise, Palm Desert, and Maine. They hope to visit the Yangtze Gorge in China this year. Maxine now has her dream car- a Jaguar, as her nifty Cougar was totaled in an accident in November. Ray has been working with his church, building facilities for the poor.

BARBARA KING HEMINGWAY Barbara is semi-retired. She is teaching a course at U. Mass. Last year she was hit by an auto. She sustained a non-displaced fractured hip. She is doing well now. Herman retired from full-time professorship at U. Mass. and is doing some law work. Myra has 3 daughters and continues to practice as a lawyer. Angela is married and is busy renovating a home. She runs the diversity program for the Transportation Department. Barbara and Herman plan to travel to Ghana and Senegal this summer to continue their work with African countries.

ELEANOR DYER HAMILTON Ellie works part-time as a school nurse. The family is all well. She had lunch with Mary Romeo.

RUTH FIFE MANN Ruth and Ginger are busy with farming. They have added on to their greenhouses- now have three.. They are in the middle of lambing season- so far the ten sheep have produced 5 sets of twins and a set of triplets. They are active with their church. Ginger heads the NH Farm Bureau. Ruth teaches sewing. Each of their three children have 2 children.

JUDITH PALMER MUGGIA Judie's Christmas greetings included a glorious picture of Al, Judie, their 3 sons, wives and 10 grandchildren.. Al is loving retirement. He and Judie are taking courses at an adult education center. They have traveled extensively- Ireland, Niagara on the Lake for duplicate bridge week, and to visit Frank and family in New York, France for wine tasting in Burgundy, and the Galapagos Islands.

MARY JANNINO ROMEO Mary works 2 days a week. She and Ernie have 15 grandchildren. Her Mom is 90 and as spunky as ever.

MARY DUGGAN ROY Mary and Norm have been at their home in Boynton Beach, Fl this winter. Michelle, her husband and two children live in Luxembourg. Ellen and Andrew have the twins. Mary Eileen has an adopted son. Kay and Rick have three children and live in London, Ann and husband have 2 children. So there are 11 grandchildren. Mary is okay. Norm is having some orthopedic problems.

SUZANNE SEYMOUR Sue retired in May, 2002 and is working part-time in mental health. She sold her big house and bought a small one downtown.. Her Mom died a year ago at the age of 92. When Mary Roy was in the area, they had lunch and caught up with their news.

MARY FLANNERY CAIRA I continue to work fulltime and occasionally for hospice. Mike has more health problems, so I am all too busy with home and work. Children and granddaughters are well. .

1959

Patricia Newnham
251 W. Park Ave
State College, PA 16803

A bit of class news reached me over the holidays.
Lucy Baker Hofer and Melba Cederholm Armour met at the Shaker Village in Hancock, MA in October 2002 and caught up on news of other MGH classmates.

Jane Hartwell writes that she has been "happily retired" for two years and wonders how she can be so busy! She gets together with Mary Furber Raymond and also hears from Mickey Perry and Jackie Flynn.

Ellie Treinas Prevoski still works in Home Care. She thinks of retirement as the nursing shortage grows more critical. She and Steve have 4 grandsons ages 6, 2, and 4 year old twins. Daughter, Cindy, and family recently moved from Washington state to Virginia and they enjoy having them closer.

Carol French Publicover writes good news of feeling fine since her breast cancer surgery 2 years ago. She and Jerry have moved to "the country" in Apopka Florida.

She sent a photo of their lovely “downsized” home. They expect their first great grandchild in June, 2003. Carol has reduced work to half-time.

Mary Furber Raymond retired in June 2000 from the Health Department, but continues working at two new jobs: 3 days in an internal medicine practice and 2 days a week as a school nurse. She and Al enjoy visiting daughter Mary Beth (with 3 grandchildren) in South Portland. Son, Mark, has 2 girls and lives in Foxboro. Danny is at home with Mary and Al.

The Newnhams are enjoying life and keeping well. Bob “retired” four years ago, but continues to be very active. He walks to his campus research lab every day we are in town. He consults and gives papers at meetings so we travel quite a bit. He taught in Hong Kong for 2 months in 2000-2001 and 4 months 2001-2002. It is a marvelous city! We still have no grandchildren, but occasionally “borrow” some of our 17 great nieces and nephews. Our son, Randy, got tenure at PSU Berks Campus in Reading. We enjoy seeing him and his wife often. Rosemary is unmarried, but continues to enjoy work in L.A.

All for now. Please send me some news, or write directly to the newsletter editor. After this cold, snowy winter, enjoy a beautiful spring and summer.

1960

Linda Walker Housman--- Linda wrote this nice note to me. “I am enjoying retirement lifestyle which began two years ago and now have time to persue old and new interests. Recently started snowshoeing in my rural back yard and also have become involved in the Oakham (population 1500) Historical Society. I also resumed working in stained glass and am making a Tiffany lampshade.

I am enjoying becoming reacquainted with some old M.G.H. friends. I had Bobbie Stidham, Donna Harrell, Mary Gordon and Pat Toas for lunch two weeks ago, and last week met Ellie Tomasian Vanetizian at U. MA, Amherst, where she teaches in the doctoral program.

In the spring the long anticipated (and postponed) addition to our house should begin, creating an updated kitchen and much more living space. Downsizing two homes where Ken and I raised 5 children was a formidable challenge and we were only partially successful. So, we are really looking forward to this event!

Next week we will head to Aruba for our annual two week getaway.”
Linda wrote this newsy letter in February of 2003 and is back by now.

She can be reached at: 25 Edson Road, Oakham, MA 01068
or at khousmansr@aol.com

Roberta Rawson Stidham—Bobbie wrote this letter to me in February also. “I have a few thoughts to share with you before I head back to Florida. It has been fun being with and seeing some of you, however I prefer warmer places during the winter months.

Thanks to Ken and Linda Housman of Oakham, MA. For the warm reception we received at their lovely country home on the second of Feb. Dinner was delicious. Joining us were Donna Harrill, Mary Gordon, Pat Carden and John Stidham who served as driver. A winter storm, illness, and vacations prevented others from making it. The instigator of this winter get-together was Caroline Stone. She had to back out to provide unexpected transportation for the arrival of family members. The impetus for the get-together was to meet Dr. Ellie Tomasian Venetizian from Amherst. Ellie was smarter than the rest of us and stayed in Florida.

I received a second invitation from Gayle King Lee for us to come to Marthas Vineyard. She has a home and a guesthouse and can accommodate about nine of us. Yes, we want to go sometime in August during the early part of the week. Meanwhile, Gayle is in Tahiti, then home to Larchmont, N.Y. and in mid Feb. will be at her home in Florida.”

Bobbie Rawson Stidham and I chatted on May 10, 2003 and the following is her fax to me:

“On May 02, 2003 11 of us met for lunch at Kate Rosenfield Lattas home in Middleton, MA. We had four new faces to join us.

Catherine Bruce, whose home is in Reading, MA, is retired from the O.R. and M.G.H. She and Mary Schofield Gordon reminisced on their short military careers also.

Janice McCormack Hargraves moved a year ago to Southborough, MA. Jan has 3 adult children and is an art therapist.

Bev Towle Hall and Jan SantosLudwig drove up from Newport, R.I. The latter two girls plus Cynthia Storey Mallette, Pat Toas Carden, Mary Gordon, Caroline Stone and myself will be travelling to Chilmark, Marthas Vineyard in mid June. We will be guests for three days at Gayle King Lee’s home. Gayle will be flying down from Larchmont, N.Y. to meet up with us.

We were hoping that Jackie L’Esperance Durschinger, from Thousand Oaks, CA. and Jane Howe Shea from Squantum, MA. could join us. Time constraints and work will keep them home.

Judy Kingston Mushial of Hampstead, New Hampshire has also been invited to join us

So, the Class of 1960 get-togethers are growing in frequency and size. We welcome more of you to join us, even if we have to meet at a restaurant.

Pat Beasley and I are signers for our class treasury. We have \$276.00 which isn't much to work with when plans are made for our 50th anniversary. To keep the account open, I occasionally add money to the treasury. How do you feel about sending a few dollars to enrich this account?

Also, I have plenty of class address lists. They are by no means correct but call me and I'll send you one. Bobbie can be reached at 1 508-946-9373 or write to her at 1903 Oak Point Drive, Middleboro, MA. 02346

Arlene Maher Pennella—Arlene and I had a brief chat on May 10, 2003. She did not have any special news for us but did say that she sees Loretta Witkins Reece who is residing in Saybrook, Connecticut. Arlene and I were roomies and believe it or not she remembered that I had a birthday coming up!!!! Wish my memory were that good!!!

Louise Lynch McDonald—I'll bore you with my news too. Jerry and I just returned from Greece and Turkey -two days before the Iraqi conflict broke out. It was a fascinating trip, steeped in history, but not exactly the right time of year to be travelling the beautiful islands of Greece. Saw lots of ruins, visited Patmos, Rhodes, Delphi, Corinth, Crete, Santorini; the monasteries at Meteora, unbelievable!!!! Santorini was my favorite island and that famous picture of the church with the sea blue roof, it really looks like that!!! Athens was an exciting city and just so beautiful with all of the lights at night focused on the Parthenon. Jerry climbed the 296 stairs at the Acropolis of Lyndos, but I didn't make the trek, too much arthritis. We figure to see as much of the world as we can while we are still moving. Our visit to Ephesus, in Turkey, was beyond belief. We finally broke down and bought a Turkish rug. It was as much a social experience as it was commercial. We were also very happy to be home on American soil.

If anyone who reads this has any news please be sure to write to me at:
297 Thicket Street
South Weymouth, MA. 02190
or call me at 1-781-331-3698 or e-mail me @MB3502@aol.com

1961

In a note from Beverly Wood Gemmill:

I retired this June. I was the School Nurse at Lake Forest East Elementary School for 31 years.

Our boys are grown and we are well, so we plan to continue traveling and I will do volunteer work.

1971

In an email from Janice Cavicchi Tapp:

I have been living and practicing in San Antonio for over 10 years. I have become a CCRN, Hospice nurse, wellness nurse, ACLS instructor, and now a DON for an Alzheimer's unit with 64 residents. I would like to reconnect with any reunions of my classmates. Email: janice.tapp@earthlink.net.

Matching Gifts

Today more companies are letting employees determine where their charitable donation dollars are spent. This is done through a "Matching Gift" program. The major criteria most corporations have to determine if donations can be matched is that the donation is to a designated 501c-3 non-profit organization. The company also required that the organization receiving the funds fill out their matching gift form and return it with the proper tax information for their records.

If the company you work for offers a "Matching Gift" program, remember your donations to the Alumnae Association are probably eligible. Check your company policy today. Then when you send your donation, send us the company form for matching funds and we will do the rest. Help the scholarship funds grow by doubling your donation through the Matching Gift program where you work.

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Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, Inc.
Application for the Felicia Kulig Fullerton or Sally Johnson Scholarship

General Requirements:

1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the scholarship).
2. Application must be received preferably by May 1st or prior to the course of study.
3. Scholarship to be returned if another full tuition grant is awarded.
4. Preference will be given if the degree pursued is in Nursing.
5. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
6. At the end of the semester, passing grades must be submitted showing the completion of course.

Name of

Applicant _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address _____

Telephone Number/Email Address _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

Date of Graduation from MGH or IHP _____ State currently registered in _____

How long have you been an active member in the Alumnae? _____

Have you applied for or received any other scholarship assistance? _____

If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____

Which college/university do you plan to attend? _____

Tuition needed for course or semester _____ credits _____

Attending full or part time? _____ total credits earned to date _____

Any portion of the course cost reimbursed by your employer? _____

When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____

What degree are you working towards in Nursing? _____ other field? _____

What are your future plans in Nursing? _____

Education other than MGH/IHP

College/University	Address	Dates Attended	Credits/Degrees
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Professional Experience since Graduation from MGH/IHP: Include position, full or part time, agency and dates. Attach a separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

Public Law 9338 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school records. Signing of this application gives the committee chairperson permission to look at your MGH or IHP school records, if necessary.

Rev/2002

The Loan fund is available to active members of the Alumnae Association to aid in further education in the field of nursing. A sum not to exceed \$8,000 may be borrowed per lifetime. Repayments are made on a monthly installment plan, due on the 10th of each month, commencing three months after completion of the program. Full details of the loan fund is available from the Alumnae Office.

Name of Applicant: _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address: _____
(number and street)

(city) (state) (zip)

Telephone Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Graduation from MGH _____ State in which you are currently registered _____

How long have you been an active member in The Alumnae? _____

Have you applied for or received other scholarship assistance? _____

If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____

What College/University are you planning to attend? _____

Cost of course _____ Credits _____

What portion of the cost of the course is reimbursed by your employer? _____

When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____

Will your degree be in nursing? _____ If not, in what? _____

What degree are you working toward _____

What are your future plans in nursing? _____

Education Other than MGH Diploma: Include name of College/University, address, dates attended, and credits/degrees. Attach separate sheet if needed.

Professional Experience Since Graduation from MGH: Include position, full or part time, agency, and dates. Attach separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

(signature of applicant)

(date)

Public Law 93383 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school record. Signing of this application gives the committee chairman permission to look at your MGH school of nursing record, if necessary.

2003

Homecoming

Saturday September 27

Annual Meeting of the Association

Program

Update:

*MGH Nursing, Magnet Recognition
and Facility Planning*

and the

Annual Homecoming Luncheon

Saturday September 27th

Radisson Hotel Boston

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| 8 AM | Registration |
| 9:00 | Annual Business Meeting of the Association |
| 10:00 | Program
<i>Update - MGH</i>
Jeannette Ives Erickson RN, MS
Senior Vice President Patient Care Services and Chief Nurse
And
John Messervy, Partners Director of Capital and Facility Planning |
| 12 noon | Reunion Class photos and cocktails |
| 1:00 | Annual Homecoming Luncheon |

Nursing: A Clinical Update

Friday, September 26, 2003, O'Keeffe Auditorium
Massachusetts General Hospital

Agenda

- 8:00 AM Registration and Coffee
8:30 AM Opening Remarks
Patricia Murphy, RN, MPH, President, MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association
Jeanette Ives Erickson RN, MSN, Senior Vice President for Patient Care and Chief Nurse, MGH
8:45 AM Management of the Burn Patient: 2003
Mary-Liz Bilodeau, RN, MS, CCRN, CCNS, CS, BC
Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist/Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Burn Service, Massachusetts General Hospital
10:00 AM Sleep and Women's Health: A Psychobiologic Perspective
Geoffrey McEnany, PhD, RN, CS
Associate Professor Graduate Nursing, MGH IHP
11:15 AM Break
11:30 AM The Effects of Media Images of Women on Body Dissatisfaction
Linda C. Andrist, PhD, RNC, WHNP
Associate Professor Graduate Nursing, MGH IHP
12:45 PM Lunch~ voucher provided for use in the Eat Street Cafe
2:00 PM Afternoon Remarks
Ann Caldwell, President, MGH Institute of Health Professions
2:15 PM Are we Hard Wired for Spirituality?
Barbara Steele, MS, APRN-BC
Nurse Coordinator, New Hampshire Hospital
3:30 PM My Family is the Pits: An Ethnographic Study of Homeless Adolescents
Joanne O'Sullivan, PhD, PRNP-BC, FNP
Assistant Professor Graduate Nursing, MGH IHP
4:45 PM Closing Remarks: Diane Smith, RN, MGHNAA Capital Campaign
5:00PM Evaluation

With special thanks to all who participated in today's program, and to the:

MGH Department of Nursing,

MGH Institute of Health Professions for sponsoring the Continental Breakfast & ANCC contact hours, and MGH Nurses Alumnae Association for program planning and lunch coupons.

**We welcome your suggestions for topics and speakers for our
Spring 2004 program and for Homecoming 2004.**

7.5 Contact Hours - ANCC

*More Details will be in the next edition of
"Beyond the Cap"*

But space is limited so reserve your space early!

Registration Form

Please fill in and mail with your check to:

Mass General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association
P. O. Box 477
Milton, MA 02186-0004

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City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Refunds only if cancellation is received by September 15th

All reservations must be received by September 12, 2003

Space is limited and no on site registration will be possible

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SECTION 7. The Bertella Tompkins Fund shall consider and at its discretion award available moneys up to a maximum specified by the Board of Directors to fully privileged members who apply and document medical need not covered by insurance or other sources.

SECTION 8. The Staats Scholarship Fund shall consider and at its discretion award available moneys up to a maximum specified by the Board of Directors to entry level nursing students at the MGHHP or fully privileged members returning at the baccalaureate level or to the MGHHP Graduate Program in Nursing.

SECTION 9. The Alumnae Record Committee shall consist of a chairperson and an editorial staff and shall be responsible for the planning, editing, and publication of the Alumnae Record; two issues shall be published each year unless otherwise designated by the Board of Directors.

Proposed:

SECTION 6. The Scholarships Committee shall consider and at its discretion award available scholarship money for fully privileged members of the Corporation for baccalaureate and graduate study; and shall consider and award scholarship(s)/awards to second year student(s) at the MGHHP.

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SECTION 8. The Mary Staats Educational Fund shall arrange the program for the annual meeting and continuing education programs during the year as well as underwriting the cost of the continuing education events sponsored by the corporation.

SECTION 9. The Communication and Publication committee shall facilitate all printing done by the corporation; plan, edit, publish and distribute two issues of the **Alumnae Record** and two issues of **Beyond the Cap** annually; interact with both the printer and the mail house; review and approve all materials to be sent to the members of the corporation; and review and determine the Student Paper Award recipient for each edition of the Alumnae Record.

SECTION 10. Heslin Estate Fund shall be chaired by the corporations Historian(s) to organize, archive, and respond to inquires dealing with historical information concerning the corporation. The Committee shall bring to the Board of Directors proposals for projects of historical, archival, or those to promote the profession of nursing to be funded from this fund for a final vote of the Board of Directors.

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